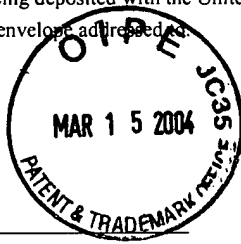


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit this response and request entry of the amendment, and request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks. A Declaration of Dr. Ian MacLachlan under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and a petition for a three month extension of time to extend the period for response to March 10, 2004, accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.